GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CORPORATE AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Registered Companies with RoC
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Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of companies registered with the Registrar of Companies (RoC) as on date along with the number of companies which have closed down during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise
(b) the details of steps taken by the Government to identify those companies which are not functional but their names are on Government record;
(c) whether the number of old/defunct companies has increased in the country during the last three years, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh;
(d) whether the Government proposes any 'Sulabh Bahirgaman Yojana' for delisting the names of old companies by RoC, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the companies thereto; and
(e) whether the Government proposes to make registration process stringent so that only those companies which are genuine can register themselves with the RoC, if so, the details thereof along with the other
steps taken by the Government to bring all companies under the provisions of the Company Act?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) Companies registered with Registrar of Companies (ROCs), State/UT-wise as on 26.11.2015 is at Annexure − I. Number of closed companies, State/UT-wise during the last three years and current financial year is at Annexure - II.

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(b) to (d):- Section 560 of the Companies Act, 1956 (corresponding provision in Companies Act, 2013 is Section 248, which is not yet notified) provides for striking off the names of those companies which have not been carrying on business or not in operation, if the Registrar of Companies has a reason to believe so, after following prescribed procedure. The Ministry had from time to time come out with Easy Exit Schemes to enable such companies which are not carrying on business or in operation, to apply for and get their names removed from the register. The Ministry had also introduced a Fast Track Exit Scheme for defunct companies to approach the Registrar of Companies from time to time for striking off their names. As the scheme is still continuing, no separate/new proposal is under consideration of the Ministry. The number of companies which have been struck off from the register of companies during the years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (till 04.11.2015) are given in Annexure-III.

(e) The Government has already brought out several changes in the registration process such as (i) the requirement for obtaining Director Identification Number by all Directors, (ii) verification of the address of registered office by obtaining supporting documents, and (iii) certification by a Company Secretary, Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant or Advocate who, are required to personally visit the registered office and verify its existence. Detailed rules have been prescribed in Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 in this regard. Further, it is stated that while Companies Act, 2013 (Chapter XXI, Part-I) provides for registration of unregistered bodies, it does not mandate for all unregistered bodies/companies to be registered under the said Act.

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